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SYSTEM (NICS)

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1. DOD-RELATED ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING IS HANDLED BY
JUSMMAT IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOT LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAMS
LOCATED IN IZMIR AND AT GOLCUK NAVAL BASE NEAR ISTANBUL.
ONE USAF OFFICER AND A LOCAL TRAINING SPECIALIST FROM
JUSMMAT PERIODICALLY VISIT GOT LANGUAGE CENTERS TO
ADMINISTER DLI TESTS TO TURKISH PERSONNEL BOUND FOR
TRAINING IN CONUS. ADMINISTRATION OF DLI/ECL
TESTS FOR NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WOULD
THEREFORE PRESENT NO PARTICULAR ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM,
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ALTHOUGH COST SHARING ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE
WORKED OUT TO COVER SHARE OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS

BASED ON NUMBER OF NICS-RELATED PERSONNEL TO BE TESTED.
WE CAN COMMENT FURTHER ON COST-SHARING WHEN WE HAVE AN
INDICATION OF NUMBER OF GOT PERSONNEL TO BE TESTED IN
CONNECTION WITH NICS PROGRAM.

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GOT IS PRESENTLY ABLE TO
HANDLE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING ON ITS OWN. SOME
PROBLEMS HAVE SURFACED IN RECENT MONTHS REGARDING
LANAGUAGE COMPREHENSION LEVELS OF TURKISH PERSONNEL
DESTINED FOR TRAINING IN US, AND WE FEEL THAT JUSMMAT
SHOULD CONTINUE TO MONITOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING
AND TESTING AS IT HAS DONE IN THE PAST. IN VIEW OF
IMPORTANCE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILLTY TO NICS, WE
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR JUSMMAT TO ADMINISTER
THE NICS TESTING PROGRAM AS WELL. FINALLY, WE FORESEE
NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN ARRANGING NICS TESTING WITH
THE RESPONSIBLE TURKISH AUTHORITIES.
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